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RESPONSE

S I R:

In response to the Office Action dated January 21, 2005,
applicant hereby provisionally elects the species of Figs. 1 - 8
which was identified by the Examiner in the Office Action as
species 1.

Claims 1 - 6 , 17, 18 and 20 are readable on the elected species.

It is noted that the Examiner has indicated that currently it is not clear if any claims are generic.

Applicants respectfully submit that the claims of species 1 and 2 as referred to by the Examiner are directed to a locking system of identical configuration. In fact, the illustrations of Figs. 1 and 9 are the same. Only the manner of use of the system is different.

Thus, claim 1 recites an electronic utilization of the locking system which is a so-called keyless-go-system. It is only after this system fails that an emergency operation takes place by means of the coded insertable element 50.

Accordingly, applicants respectfully submit that species 1 and 2 should be combined.

As mentioned above, claims 1 - 6, 17, 18, and 20 are readable on species 1. Claims 7 - 9 are readable on species 2.

An action on the merits is respectfully requested.



Respectfully submitted,

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